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YATF Summer Jobs Program Staff and students

GRADUATION and AWARDS CEREMONIES

Some students graduate at Constitution Hall; others at their alma maters. The Youth Activities Task Force students graduated on board the fabulous cruise ship, Spirit of Mt. Vernon. Approximately twenty five youths and fifty guests, including parents of youth participating and supporters of the program boarded the ship on Monday, August 19. Guests viewed the sites along the Southwest waterfront while enjoying a variety of light refreshments and an open non-alcohol bar.

Greetings and congratulations to the graduates were given by Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C. Delegate to the House of Representatives. She was joined on the podium by Arly Hardy, Office of Youth Employment Program for the D.C. Government, Al Hopkins, President of the Anacostia Economic Development Corporation, Ward II Councilmember Jack Evans, and Yosef Hadar, Community Relations of the World Bank.

The graduation and awards ceremonies are coordinated by YATF member Thelma Jones and Southwest Community House Executive Director Clinton Anderson.

The Spirit Cruises, Inc. donated the use of the Spirit of Mt. Vernon. Normally it sails to Mt. Vernon Tuesday through Sunday. Spirit Cruises, Inc. also operates lunch and dinner cruises on board the Spirit of Washington, a beautiful ship recently christened by Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon.

We would like to thank Chris Hendrick, General Manager of the Spirit Cruises, and his staff for their continued and long-time support to the Southwest community, especially the YATF.

The training program was revamped to include more practical hands-on experiences and to better address the needs of past participants in the training sessions. Approximately 25 students benefitted from a five week session which met on Saturdays for three hours each session. The training was held at the Southwest Library and St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Sessions included orientation (introductions, getting acquainted exercises, program expectations), personal appearance (skin and hair care, hygiene, posture), and values perspectives (behavior, responsibilities, self-worth, socialization, interdependence, communication). Other sessions included business skills (interviewing, filing, punctuality, telephoning), communication skills (verbal

and non-verbal), and practical information (reviewing, getting ready for the job, job placement, mentor assignment, evaluation).

The training sessions were coordinated by Clinton Anderson, Southwest Community House, and YATF Member Stella Gomes. Carolyn Johnson, YATF's summer coordinator, who is also a special education instructor at Bowen Elementary worked closely with the training coordinators.

The YATF gratefully acknowledges Marvin A. Banks, Sr., Values Education Unit, DC Public Schools and art instructor, Weatherless Elementary, for returning this year to conduct his colorful yet graphic and informative presentation on values. Marvin skillfully conveyed his message to the students through newspaper clippings that reflect the murders and other drug-related violence in the metropolitan area.

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SWNA/ANC

September 26 Meeting Examines WBCDC Plans

Will we look back in 10 or 20 years and see the birth of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation as a milestone in the history of Southwest? The organizers of the WBCDC, with the optimism typical of pioneers and entrepreneurs, are betting that the answer will be yes.

Members of the general community will have another chance on September 26 at the SWNA's monthly meeting to assess the reasons for the organizers' optimism. The Assembly's September meeting (which, as usual, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church at 3rd and M SW) will be devoted to a report on the CDC.

Organizers have spent the last several months developing a structure for the organization and reviewing grant applications for funding by the developers of the Portal Site (at 14th and Maine SW).

Future plans call for the CDC to play a major role in channeling investment in Southwest real estate to meeting the development needs of Southwest residents. Community development corporations in other parts of the city are active in building low-income housing, assisting minority and small business people, operating new enterprises, and providing job training. The WBCDC hopes to do the same things in Southwest.

The WBCDC came about in response to city requirement that the developers of the Portal Site prepare a community participation plan. Representatives from ANC 2D, Southwest Community House, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and other community groups decided that creation of a new "umbrella organization" would be the best way to carry out the Portal plan.

In January, a joint ANC 2D/SWNA Town Hall meeting voted to approve the WBCDC concept. The meeting also requested the organizing committee to return later in the year when they finished the proposed bylaws.



l-r Barbara Hurlbutt, David Brewer and Margaret Feldman

CDC Seeks Candidates

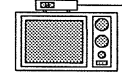
Interested in helping plan development in SW?

The Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation has announced establishment of a nominating committee for the election of the CDC's permanent Board of Directors.

The committee consists of Clara Brewer, Alvin Hudgens, and, Ethel J. Williams (484-0515), Chairperson. Contact one of the committee members if you are interested in running for one of the 9 board vacancies.

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Volunteers are the greatest!

by Carole Early

The Southwester is written, typed (on computers) and edited completely by volunteers. Prior to last year, the typing was done professionally by an outside firm. Each month the cost ranged from a low of \$700.00 to \$900.00. This is far more than we could afford. Clearly, something had to be done.

In 1991, we reduced our typing cost to 0 thanks to a volunteer typing staff consisting of Pat McMahon, Meg Caulfield, Margaret Feldman and myself. Editing and formatting was done by Carole Early. And three who pitched in when a mini-emergency arose were Paula Hirschhoff, Sherry Klein and Rick Braswell. Washington Cable Company made their super computer and laser printer available to us each month. Without these helpers, we couldn't print. And, we want to thank everyone.

This year we need some more people willing to do word processing. We've already gotten three new volunteers. If there are any readers out there who would be willing to help out, please contact Carole Early, 488-3355. On Tuesday, September 24th, there will be an Orientation Meeting for all who are interested in working on the paper. The meeting will be in the lobby of River Park at 7:30.

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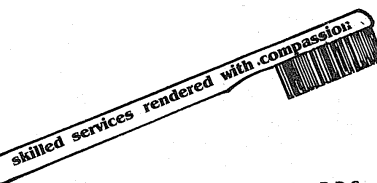
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Chief Abrecht discusses area concerns with S.W. resident

A VISIT TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICE 1st DISTRICT

By Jerry Blasenstein

On September 10, 1991, the Southwester paid a visit to Deputy Chief Gary L. Abrecht of the Metropolitan Police 1D station at 415 4th Street, S.W. with the intention of sharing some knowledge of the inner workings of the precinct, which is essentially an anchor of the community. While not attempting to be influenced by "Hill Street blues", this writer was still impressed by the workings of the "Fourth Street Blues." the Precinct headquarters is housed in a large, red brick building directly across from the Department of transportation. There are some 500 people employed by 1D, both at the main building and the sub-station at 5th and E Streets, S.E. These include both civilian (administrative) staff, as well as non-civilian (patrolmen, detectives, etc.) staff.

The 1D covers most of Capitol Hill, "Old" Downtown (east of 14th street), lower Shaw (to Rhode Island & N.Y. Avenues), and of course, S.W. It is administratively divided into three Sectors: Sector 1 being North of G St., NW, Sector 2 being SW, the Mall, and up to G St., NW, and Sector 3 encompassing Capitol Hill. The 1D is busiest in terms of cost per service of all the precincts.

Chief Abrecht, in command since 1988, spent most of his career at 1D, starting as a patrolman in 1969, rising to Sergeant in 1974, and then to Captain in the '80s. As such he knows the areas well. His priorities center around the occurrence of street robberies and residential burglaries. A large chunk of the crime problems are centered around the shopping districts the 1D covers. Violent crime, especially homicides, is down in 1D. The hardest part of his job is dealing with problems that are interwoven in the community, such as drugs, that mere police

presence alone cannot solve. It must be attacked from societal and educational aspects as well. The easiest part is realizing support from the community and knowing that in many situations, "you can make a difference."

The 1D is an integral part of the community and has many ties to it. Along with Chief Abrecht, two other persons have a leading edge: Doug Avery (the 1D community

liaison) and Captain Michael Pickett of Sector 2. Due to their efforts, the 1D is represented at meetings of the ANC 2D, which in fact meets at Headquarters the first Tuesday of every month, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, and numerous Owners and Tenants associations. They attend meetings, answer questions on crime prevention, and set up lectures and films on street safety. They have input into the southwest Festival, the Southwest Scholarship Fund, and the Waterfront Business Assn. as well. 1D also has an excellent working relationship with the City Council and their Ward 2 representative, Jack Evans. The community is encouraged to attend District 1 meetings. There, one can meet with 1D staff, see how things work there, and communicate their ideas and feelings to "make a difference."

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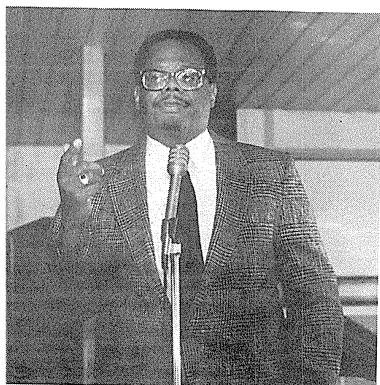
**l-r Carolyn Johnson, Clinton
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COMMUNITY

The Portals Developers & Southwest Community Groups

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force and the Southwest Community House were joined by the developers of the Portals, a mixed-use project now under construction at 1250 Maryland Ave., SW, for their Annual Summer Jobs Program Graduation and Awards Ceremony held Monday, August 19, 1991 on board the cruise ship the Spirit of Mt. Vernon at pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, SW.

Under its Community Participation Plan, Portals Development Associates (PDA) has made grant commitments to the Southwest community in 1991 totalling \$140,470.00. Of this total, \$36,620.00 committed to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly this year assisted the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force in successfully implementing its training and summer jobs program and culminated in the graduation of 30 neighborhood youths.

Albert Hopkins, President of Anacostia Economic Development Corporation and Secretary/Treasurer of Eastcoast Development Corporation, a minority partner in P.D.A. greeted and congratulated the graduates and praised the implementors of the Summer Jobs Program during the Awards Ceremony. Dave Richards, Vice President of Republic Properties Corporation, general partner of P.D.A., who also attended the ceremony said, "The Portals developers are pleased that we can support Southwest organizations providing needed summer jobs and training for the Southwest youth."

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and Action to Rehabilitate Community Housing are recipients of contributions from The Portals Development Associates, developers of The Portals, a mixed-use facility now under construction at 1250 Maryland Ave.

Phase I of The Portals is scheduled for completion in December 1991. Future plans for the development include office, retail and restaurant space in addition to a luxury hotel, day care center, wellness clinic, cultural and community center, and underground parking. It is one of the largest development projects in the city encompassing over 2.5 million square feet of office, hotel and retail space.

"Because we are builders of communities, we are keenly aware of the needs of the Southwest community. Job training for our neighbors not only enhances the employment base for The Portals, but is good for the entire community. Thus, each entity realizes a benefit from a participation plan such as ours."

Under its Community Participation Plan, Portals Development Associates made grants in 1991 for summer jobs for youth as well as housing rehabilitation apprenticeships for Southwest neighborhood residents. The sum of \$7,650.00 has enabled two selected Southwest residents to complete training in commercial/residential electrical wiring offered by Action to Rehabilitate Community Housing (ARCH), a joint venture of the Potomac Electric Power Company, D.C. Public Schools and the D.C. Private Industry Council.

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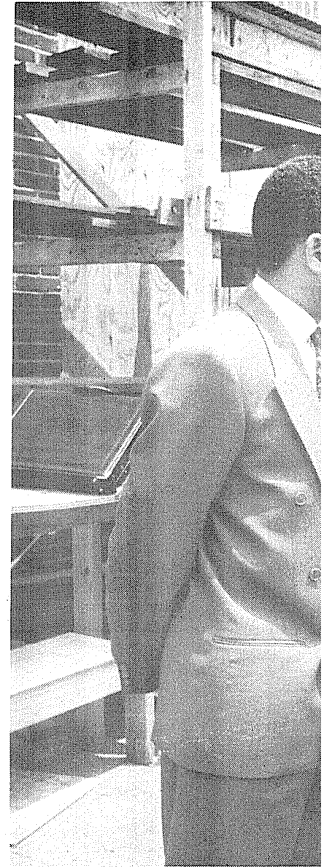
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by Kaleema Leggett

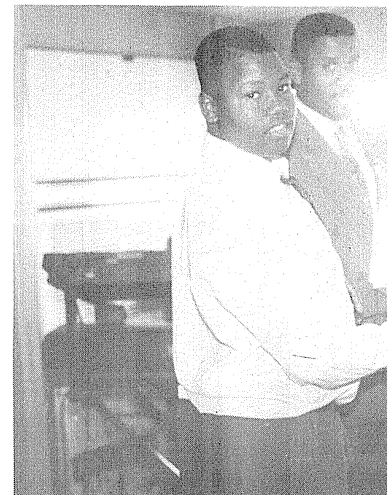
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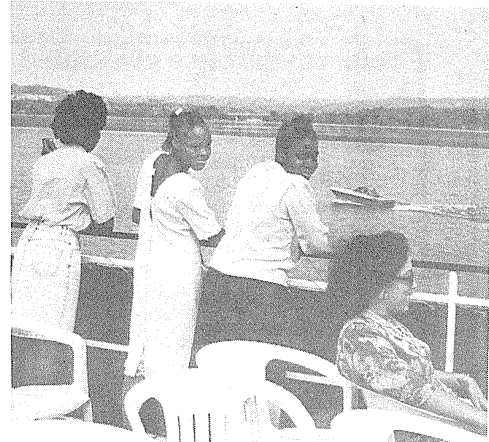
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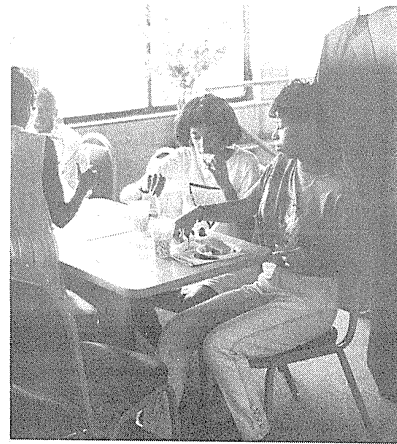
Mike Davis receives award



t: Butch Hopkins, President Anacostia Development person, Southwest Youth Activities Task Force, and Dave ublic Properties Corporation. Second row: Clinton L. Southwest Community House; Vincent Mathews, Trainee raineer, SWYATF.



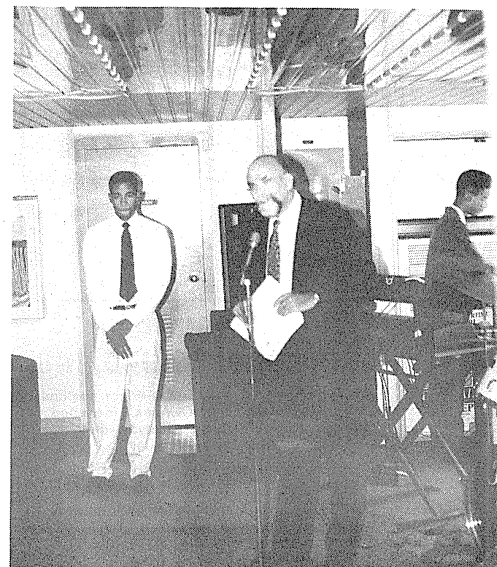
Shontaya Ferguson, shown in middle, smiles about cruise



Kiera Proctor enjoys food with her friend



The Monk Family performs

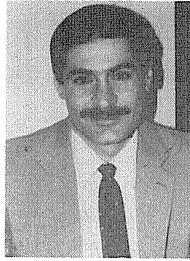


World Bank Representative Yosef Hadar acknowledges job well done by YATF youth

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The largest black denomination held its 111th annual meeting at the Washington Convention Center. The plea was for churches to get involved and do more to help solve some of the social issues that currently confront us. There were over forty thousand delegates representing the various geographic regions. The convention attendees heard acknowledgements from Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, and Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon.

The area's finest singers combined their voices to comprise the thousand voice choir under the leadership of D. Rev. Donald Vails. The choir sang so beautifully that it sounded like heaven. Everything was so melodious that you could just imagine that you were sitting around heaven. Shirley Berkely's arrangement of "I Will Bless the Lord" brought the house to its feet. The entire area should be very proud of the performance that this choir has given.

Rev. T.J. Jemison, the president of this organization, gave a powerful address. The reverend stated that the black community cannot wait for other institutions to solve its problems. We have tried having others bring us out of our dilemma but these institutions have failed. We must do it ourselves. Within the black church, we can bring the black family back to where it once was. In his address, Jemison also touched upon the social issues of teenage pregnancy, black on black crime, communities plagued with drugs and the need for blacks in business to create jobs for people.

The overall area hospitality was at a record high. Local church members offered vehicles to be used as courtesy cars.

vendors displayed their wares in the exhibit hall of the convention center. This was a convention where everyone should have attended at least one of the days. It was there for a week. For those of us who did attend, it is something which will stay in our minds forever.

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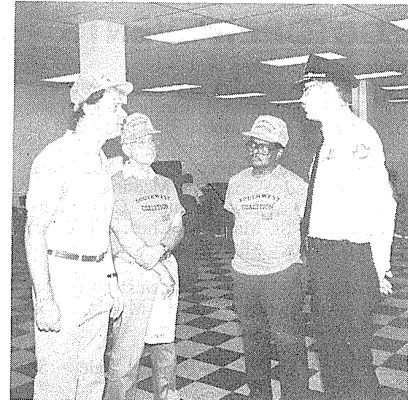
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TIPS TO HELP REDUCE THE RISK FOR YOUNG PEDESTRIANS

Children hurrying back to school face excitement, adventure and possible danger, says AAA Potomac.

Nearly half the children between ages one and 14 who are struck by a car have their accident during the hours before or after school, says Robert Krebs, Director of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Potomac.

- 1) Review and heed the state laws that apply to stopping for or passing a school bus.
- 2) Children cannot see or be seen around parked cars or over tall shrubbery. Drive with caution and be prepared to stop.
- 3) Children's peripheral vision is narrower than an adult's. Children cannot readily locate the sound of a moving vehicle. Drive slowly in school zones.
- 4) Children may not have a developed ability to make split second traffic safety decisions. They process one thought at a time. Adult drivers must be more safety conscious in school zones.
- 5) Children may not have a highly developed sense of judgement about the speed and direction of motor vehicles. Drivers must be particularly careful at intersections.



Chief Albrecht chats with the S.W. Coalition

Community Empowerment Meeting

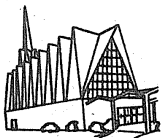
On Monday, September 9th, the first of many meetings was held at the Neighborhood Community Empowerment Service Center which is located at 25 M St., S.W. The director, Mr. Rubin Biddy led the program by introducing First District Police Chief Albrecht and Captain Pickett to some of S.W.'s community leaders.

Representatives from the S.W. Coalition (orange hats), S.W. Boys and Girls Clubs, S.W. Community House and concerned members of the community discussed the need for more communication between local residents and the police department. The most important item talked about was the need to control and end the crime and drug problem in our area.

All parties agreed to meet more often and become more cohesive in trying to solve the problems that effect our neighborhoods. Also, some of the citizens expressed fear of retaliation from the "boys on the block" for reporting any of the illegal activities in their areas.

- 6) Children may have difficulty assessing gaps in traffic, and may think the safest way to cross the street is to simply run. Scan the horizon for children. Bright orange AAA school safety patrol belts are a sign children are present.
- 7) Children do not have a clearly defined sense of danger. Drive with your lights on in dark early morning hours -- see and be seen by others.
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UP-COMING SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, September 24th - "Southwester" Orientation Meeting for all who are interested in helping on the paper, River Park Lobby, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 26 - Southwest Neighborhood Association Meeting
Subject: Wiley Branton Community Corporation, St. Matthews Church, 7:30
Open meeting. All invited.

Thursday October 3 - Southwest Neighborhood Association Board Meeting, St. Matthews, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 5 - Garage Sale - St. Dominic's, 630 E St.

Tuesday, October 8 - 1st District Police Meeting, 4th St. Police Precinct, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 12 - Picnic/Bull Roast, Southeastern Univ., 501 Eye St., 1-5, \$7 (in advance) \$10 per person at door, children - free

Monday, October 14 - Annual Flea Market - St. Augustines 600 M St., 10:00 a.m.

If you know of any PTA, church, organizational meetings or events, list the happening with the Southwester, "Up-coming Events," POB 70131.

11th ANNUAL CAPITAL MOTION BIKE-A-THON GEARS UP!

Sunday, September 29 has been set as the date and Hains Point/West Potomac Park will be the site of the 11th Annual Capital Motion Bike-a-Thon, a benefit ride for the D.C. Division of the American Cancer Society and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA).

Last year the Capital Motion Bike-a-Thon raised more than \$42,000 to benefit the two local organizations. Funds are used by the Cancer Society for patient services, education and research, and by WABA for bicycle safety and education programs.

Organizers of the event predict this year's Bike-a-Thon will be the best ever, with corporations, federal agencies, schools, congressional offices and private individuals expected to field more than 50 teams of riders. Prizes will be awarded to those teams and individuals who collect the greatest amount of money.

WHAT: 11th Annual Capital Motion Bike-a-Thon
WHEN: Sunday, September 29, 1991
WHERE: West Potomac Park, Hains Point (south of the Polo Field)
WHO: Cyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate. Beneficiaries are the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and the D.C. Division of the American Cancer Society.

Interested participants call 202-872-9830.

SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY PICNIC/BULL ROAST

Southeastern University will host a benefit Picnic/Bull Roast on Saturday, October 12, 1991 from 1 - 5 to raise money for its "New Beginnings" scholarship fund. For a contribution of \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door (children under 6 are free), you can come and have a great time while you show your support for the people on whom we will all depend in the future.

The university was founded by the YMCA, and chartered by the United States Congress 112 years ago. It knows that a university program which is offered in a traditional manner is not practical for all people. Since its founding, Southeastern has designed its programs, scheduled its class hours and maintained its tuition levels to meet the needs of working students.

In keeping with its mission, Southeastern has launched a scholarship drive, "Old Friends, New Beginnings" to raise money for academically qualified students, from the Washington Metropolitan Area, who need financial assistance because they do not qualify for the standard sources of tuition aid. The way to make a difference in the character of our City is to provide individuals with the proper training so that they can become productive, contributing members of the society.

Please send your check for \$7 per person to Southeastern University, New Beginnings Picnic/Bull Roast, 501 Eye St., SW DC 20024. For more details, contact Ms. Sylvia Hill at 202-488-8162 ext. 215.

The 6th & I St. Playground

Ever since the early Summer, there has been a fence around the climbing equipment at 6th & M St. Termites had been the culprits. Mr. Goldstein of the National Park Service has promised that one day, we will have new playground equipment. We certainly hope so, currently our SW youths have to play on the rocks surrounding the pond. This is not a very safe substitute. Fortunately, no one has been seriously hurt but we think that real climbing equipment would be far safer. Maybe by years end, new equipment will arrive. The big question is, which will be first, Waterfront Station or the equipment?

All of you SW parents who are concerned about this unsafe play area and any parents of children attending SW day care programs (your young kids play on these rocks), please call Mr. Goldstein at 202-484-9880. Together, we will get this resolved.

Community residents and people who work in the area are encouraged to designate the Southwest Community House #3191 as a recipient of their United Way/Combined Federal Campaign Contribution. Donations translate into social services for neighbors who have fallen on hard times and programs to assist the young and the elderly. Thank you.

ON FINDING A GOOD DENTIST

Michael J. Teitler, D.D.S. and Mary E. Callanan, D.D.S.

(First in a series of monthly columns on dental topics of general interest)

How do you find a good dentist? You may find the recently compiled results of a survey we took of our patients intriguing.

When asked to name the most important factors in selecting our practice for their dental care, the answers covered a range of qualities that, we think, fairly represent what people expect of their health professionals.

The location of the office was the most frequently cited factor. With the busy lives most of us lead, having a dental office located near where we live or work (or both) is important to many people.

The next most common factor cited was the quality of the work. It makes sense to care about how good a job the dentist is doing. A dentist whose work is sloppy will not stay in practice for long. That ties in with another frequently mentioned concern, longevity. An experienced dentist is preferred by most people.

People also care about a gently touch, the ability and willingness to clearly explain the procedures being performed and whether or not the dentist stays current with the latest techniques.

Our patients like a dentist who respects their time. An explanation and estimate of any unavoidable delay past the appointment time is always greatly appreciated.

And, oh yes, fees. Open any newspaper and there'll be an item on the skyrocketing cost of health care. It seems that most people, however, are realists. What is most appreciated is a dentist whose fees are on average with other dentists, and a feeling that you are getting your money's worth. Patients need to trust that their dentist is taking good care of their mouth while not recommending unnecessary work.

So how do you go about finding that perfect dentist? Well, it's hard to find perfection, but with a little bit of care you should be able to select a caring practitioner who'll take great care of your mouth for many years to come.

Work-of-mouth referrals are a good way to get a start on your search. Ask your friends, neighbors or co-workers. Ask enough people in your area and a consensus opinion may begin to emerge.

Another good source is to call the specialists in your area. The orthodontists, oral surgeons or periodontists are aware of the quality general practitioners in the neighborhood.

The District of Columbia Dental Society has a referral service listing their numbers on a rotating basis. The phone number is 202-547-7615.

So go ahead, put in a little effort and you'll be rewarded with a healthy mouth for the rest of your life.

Dr. Teitler and Dr. Callanan practice general dentistry at 833 5th St. SW, Washington D.C. 20024. Their telephone number is 202-554-5050 and they are always available for your questions or comments.

Southwest Branch Library Children's Room Program Schedule

Monday: Storytimes for Two Year Olds,
10:30 am
Monday Night Movies, Family, 6:30 -
8:30 pm

Tuesday: Pre-School Films, 10:00 am &
11:00 am

Wednesday: Pre-School Storyhour, 10:00 am
& 11 am

Thursday: Pre-School Storyhour, 10:00 am
& 11:00 am
School-Age Stories & Films,
3:30 pm

Saturday: Family Storyhour, 11:00 am

SOUTHWEST LIBRARY SPONSORS POLAROID WORKSHOP

The Friends of the S.W. Branch Library is sponsoring a Polaroid Workshop Saturday, Nov. 16, 1991, 2 to 3 pm. There will be a \$8.50 workshop fee. Free cameras will be given away. Limited availability. Contact the S.W. Library for further information. 727-1381.

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center is offering two rape survivors support groups starting in mid-September. The group will provide a supportive atmosphere for survivors to share with others who have had similar experiences and to learn concrete ways to help heal themselves from rape. For more information please contact us at 202-232-0789. YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

WELCOME TO SAINT DOMINIC ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dominican Fathers and Brothers
Reverend Norman A. Haddad, O.P. Pastor
630 E Street, Southwest (202) 554-7863

MASSES

SATURDAY EVE: 5:15 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:00, 9:45, 12:15 and 5:15 p.m.
HOLIDAYS: Evening before: 5:30 p.m.,
7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 and
5:30 p.m.
WEEKDAYS: 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:30 and 12:10 p.m.

Westminster Church Presbyterian

400 Eye Street, S.W.

Rev. Jeannie MacKenzie, Pastor

Sundays - 11 am Service and Church
School

MEMORIAL TO BOB STRAUSS

Robert (Bob) Ware Strauss of Southwest Carrollsburg condominiums died on Sunday, August 25, 1991 at the age of 83 while walking around Fort McNair.

He served as a Trustee, Executive Vice-President, and President of the Accokeek Foundation during the past 30 years. The Foundation is noted for its innovative work in land preservation. He was also the organizer and President of Galaxy, Inc. His firm pioneered the international transfer of technology, right here in Southwest.

During the early World War II years, he served in the Executive Office of the President and later as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy. In the 1940's, Strauss served as a Director of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

Robert Strauss graduated from Harvard in 1931, and also studied at the University of Chicago and Universite de Grenoble in France. Over the years, he has also taught graduate courses in management at the University of Maryland and George Washington University. He was the author of a book on conservation, "The Possible Dream," and technical works on management.

His marriage to the former Lenore Thomas ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife, the former Eleanor Stone Smollar, whom he married in 1973 and who lives in Washington; two children from his first marriage, Eric T. of Accokeek and Lenore W. Strauss of Springfield; and two grandchildren.

D.C. Hotline's PhoneFriend Program

PhoneFriend is looking for volunteers who care about children to answer its telephones. PhoneFriend is an afternoon hotline for children. If you want to help children who are scared, lonely, or need support, and are available to work between the hours of 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm or 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, call 202-223-0020.

ONE OF THE CITY'S OLDEST TREES

At the corner of 6th and G St., is one of the oldest trees in the district. It is over 160 years old. In 1984 there was a Washington Post article entitled "Capital Caretaker Sows Seeds of City Trees". It told briefly about "our tree".

I thought that the time was ripe for an update on the status of the tree. A recent conversation with Mr. Sweet of the tree division of the District's Department of Public Works, confirmed that the *Zelkova Serrata* is doing very well. It is not only healthy, it is a real beauty.

If trees could hear and talk, just imagine what it would say. It has earned the title of S.W.'s Senior Senior.



Donna Alston

MEET THE STAFF

Southwester writer Donna Alston is a 26 year old Southwest resident. She is a Howard University graduate, earning a degree in Business.

Donna feels that her most developmental years were at Jefferson Jr. High. She likes music, especially Gospel and Country, poetry, reading, and roller skating. Donna also likes swinging on swings, going to the zoo and strolling along the waterfront. Her other volunteer work includes speaking to recovering substance abusers. She attends the Second Baptist Church where she was baptised at age 14 and joined the United Fellowship Choir at 16.

Ms. Alston shared the following, "My first role model was my mom. She shaped me into a refined young lady. Other role models include Mr. Campbell, Principal at Jefferson when I was there. He gave me determination and dedication." Donna also speaks highly of her pastor, Rev. Joseph Franklin.

Currently she is working on her first Gospel album. It is called "Don't Question Me". Donna likes living in S.W. because of the convenience and the low crime rate.

THINK ABOUT IT

Before you take a life
Look into your victim's eyes
Can't you see their fear
Can't you feel their pain
Can't you imagine their loved one's cries

Think about your ill-wrought plan
You are not in this thing alone
What will it do to others
What will it do to you
Think of how much you will harm your own

Put your weapon out-of-sight
Don't commit a crime today
Don't leave another victim there
Don't add to another family's despair
There has to be another way

Margaret H. Oliver
1991

SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE



Vera T. White

Principal at Jefferson Junior High

MS. VERA TADEMY WHITE DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR

The entire Southwest community takes great pride in the accomplishments of our Jefferson Junior High School Principal, Ms. Vera T. White. She is being celebrated for her exemplary work with children, faculty and parents by the Black Women in Sisterhood for Action (BWISA). The award features Ms. White as the calendar woman for the month of November, 1991, a fitting tribute of thanksgiving for the contribution she makes to the education of our children and their families.

To most of the residents of Southwest, Ms. Vera Tadey White needs no introduction. She is the woman who stands at the door of her school as the children depart for home each afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Her purpose there is to see that each child is carrying his/her books for home study and to encourage those who need it most to complete their homework, thoughtfully and care-fully. To many of her 750 students, Ms. White is the only adult who presents a model of academic achievement. In addition to the heavy work load of leading her Jefferson students to award-winning behavior, she sees and fulfills her duty in motivating the teachers of her school to give their very best so that the children will come to love and revere learning.

Ms. White and the school have been the recipients of many prestigious and monetarily valuable awards. The greatest of all, however, came this past September when the COMSAT Corporation awarded them 1.1 million dollars to establish the first School of Distinction in Mathematics and Science in the District of Columbia. It will be good to watch our children grow and develop the courage to become serious students, preparing themselves for higher education which will make it possible for them to enter the fields of research and experimentation in subject areas traditionally not often entered by our children.

Today there is nothing to hold a highly motivated child back. If he/she is willing to put forth the effort and will take the enthusiasm and encouragement offered by Ms. White and the faculty of Jefferson Junior High School, there will be many General Colin Powells in our future.

Marion C. Rosen, Ed.D.

THE LANGUAGE BRIDGE

by Carole Early

The Waterfront Language Connection was the idea of Southeastern University Chairman Frank Mann. It is a program which was set-up to help the Spanish personnel who work in the restaurants along the Waterfront. The goal of the Bridge Program is to improve communication between the workers and the management. ESOL, English for Speakers of Other Languages are offered in the afternoons. This time was chosen since afternoons are traditionally "slow" times for restaurants. Soon, Spanish classes for English Speakers will be offered.

The Connection is presently in it's 8th week and the enthusiasm of many of the students has not waned. They meet four days a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes, and go through all of the skills which will help them to communicate and to better understand their non-Spanish-speaking co-workers. The teacher, Rachel Antiku has had lots of experience teaching ESOL. Not only is she a full-time teacher at Southeastern, but she volunteers in the evening as a Spanish Language translator at the Police Department.

The Washington Free Clinic

The Washington Free Clinic provides free, anonymous AIDs testing at 16th and Newton Streets N.W. AIDs education and counseling are also provided before and after your test. If you have questions, would like to be tested or would like to volunteer, please call 667-1106